

# The Flivver Flash

The Official Newsletter of the Space City T's - Houston, TX

## 2021 Texas T Party, in Temple, TX

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Photos by Hugh Hemphill

The Space City Ts of Houston hosted the annual Texas T Party this year in Temple, Texas, from September 29th through October 2nd, 2021. Chairpersons were from the T Fords of Texas, San Antonio, Texas club: Daniel Bratcher, Michael Mackechney, and Hugh Hemphill. They had the responsibility of securing a host hotel, meal locations, activities, driving routes, and much more. However, just like all the volunteer chairs of years' past, they pulled off yet another successful event. Of the 83 plus registered Model T cars, over 200 participants arrived from 10 states and 53 cities.

Some of the participants arrived early on Tuesday, the day before the tour, to settle in

**IN PERSON November 10th meeting cancelled!**

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prior to the first route on Wednesday. Their trailers were parked at the Frank W. Mayborn Civic & Convention Center, in Temple. Once the unloading was done and Model Ts were moved to the hotel, people ventured into the hospitality room of the Hilton Garden Inn to pick up their registration packets, including the all-important name tags and tour book. The name tag would include meal tickets, and the vulture wagon name and phone number.



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The multipage tour book was filled with schedules, maps, dining suggestions, participant names, T Party history and much more.

Wednesday afternoon marked the first tour day, with a drivers' meeting at 2:30 pm. While it is fun catching up with friends from other Model T clubs, it's best not to miss the daily driver briefing to note any route changes due to construction or details occurring after the tour books went to press.

The first stop on Wednesday was the town of Temple, with a driving visit at the Temple Railroad & Heritage Museum (another visit here would be on Saturday), and a driving tour of the historic homes of Temple, Texas.

The Temple historic house tour, created by Visit Temple, provided a glimpse of some of the most significant homes built for people who made Temple into what it is today. Railroad men, doctors, lawyers, and prominent businessmen who came to Temple when it was just getting started and who created businesses and medical institutions that continue to this day. Several of the homes are officially "Recorded Historic Landmarks".

Wednesday evening was set aside for an ice cream social in the hotel lobby. Light food was also provided. People also ventured into town for a meal, and then back to the hotel to socialize a bit more before turning in for the night.

After gathering for the morning drivers' meeting, Thursday's route took participants to the Homestead Heritage Farm just outside of Waco, Texas. It is a Christian community that started in Hell's Kitchen, New York in 1973. As the community developed, it first moved to Colorado before relocating to its current location in 1980. Here they practice farming methods that respect the land as much as possible. The use of horses is signature to their approach. Along the way, a wonderful craft village developed as well, with skilled artisans who work with wood, metal, clay, and fibers, as much of it as possible sourced from their own property.



The official tour photos were taken in front of the working water mill where they grind their own flour and corn. The mill dates to the 1770s. Lunch was a small salad and all you can eat pizza. Everything provided was grown and made at Homestead Heritage Farms.

After lunch, tour participants had several choices. They could stay and continue touring the huge operations of Homestead Heritage Farms. If preferred, they could tour



to “The Silos” owned and operated by Chip and Joanna Gaines from HGTV’s “Fixer-Upper” television series. A third option was to visit the “3 Texans Winery”. That evening, the group was on their own for dinner and socializing.

Texas T Party - 2021. Thursday.  
Young driver at the Homestead Heritage Farms



Some rain that had been predicted for Friday came true, and out came the side curtains on a few cars. With some now in their modern vehicles, the group headed to the town of Salado, Texas. They traveled on fine roads for Model T driving. Nestled among the rolling green hills of central Texas, Salado has always been one of a kind. It was home to one of the first co-ed colleges in the US, and a stop on the historic Chisholm Trail. The Stagecoach Inn, opened in 1861, is one of the oldest hotels in Texas.

Today, Salado is a haven for world-class artists, full of historic bed and breakfasts, restaurants, and endless things to discover. Try your hand at blowing glass, create your own pottery, or stoke up a conversation with world renowned painters and sculptors. As you wander through Salado, browse specialty boutiques featuring latest

clothing and jewelry fashions, home decor, and antiques. Each paid tour member was given \$10 cash to enjoy lunch at any of the 20 local dining options.

Texas T Party - 2021. Friday  
Salado, TX



In the evening, the group headed over to the “First Friday” events in downtown Temple. Temple was celebrating their annual Oktoberfest festivities at this “First Friday” monthly event. There were many tents set up to sell food, beer, and handmade crafts. Many tour participants were seen at the downtown Temple restaurants eating dinner and celebrating the Oktoberfest activities.



The last day of the tour began with sunny weather, much improved from the previous day. After breakfast and a final drivers’ meeting, the Model T’s headed to the

## Temple Railroad & Heritage Museum and the Temple Early Engine and Tractor Show.

The first stop was at the Temple Railroad & Heritage Museum. This is housed in the magnificent Santa Fe railroad station. A select few Model Ts were parked right in front of the station.



There were informative and well laid out displays inside, covering a lot of local history. There were also full-size rolling railroad stock outside, including locomotives, passenger cars, freight cars, cabooses and even a WWII troop transport car.



The Early Day Engine & Tractor Show is renowned for its vast range of agricultural equipment. Our Model Ts were on display alongside all the farm equipment.



The Ratibor Country Grill provided a burger and chips lunch, paid as part of the tour.

On Saturday night, the group went to the Hotel Banquet room for the traditional banquet which is the culmination of the annual Texas T Party. Dave Lucas, Michael Mackechney, Lauren Mackechney, and Hugh Hemphill welcomed the guests and thanked everyone that assisted in making this Texas T Party another memorable one.

After everyone had a chance to finish their meal, following tradition, awards were handed out to the following people:

Jerry Giebler of Gatesville, TX- Attendance Award for all 43 years of the Texas T Party!

Ray Foster of Santa Maria, CA- Farthest trailered Model T - 1552 miles

Ray Foster of Santa Maria, CA- Farthest traveled to the T Party - 1552 miles

Fred Mills of Houston, TX- Farthest driven to the T Party in a Model T - 125 miles

Holly Ingram- Youngest driver in her first T Party attendance - 18 years

Russ Grunewald of Denton, TX- Oldest driver - 91 years

Jim Ruhmann of Danciger, TX- Hard Luck Award for most times on the vulture wagon.



Ed Donnelly- Most Congenial Award

Anthony J. Marino of League City, TX-  
Members Choice Award - 1924 C Cab TT  
"Chicken Truck"



Dave Tagert of Florida- MTFCA Explorer Youth Program Fundraiser Wooden Wheel Raffle winner at \$1700. He then raffled off the wheels for an additional \$800 donation to the MTFCA Explorers!

A 50/50 Cash Drawing was also donated to the MTFCA Explorer Youth Program. The \$360/\$180 50/50 fundraiser was won by Benny Guseman of Nacogdoches, TX

Benny Guseman & Joe Scott won a one time "Lucky Penny" award and received lottery scratch off tickets because of the successful return of their Model T's and trailer that were stolen earlier in the week.

The free 2022 Texas T Party registration was won by David McDonald.

The Model T Lamp silent auction fundraiser was won by Dave Lucas of Alvin, TX.

The annual Texas T Party tradition will continue. The 2022 Texas T Party tour details will follow as they become finalized. A big thank you goes to the Texas T Party committee of the [T Fords of Texas](#), and the [Space City Ts of Houston](#), for the countless volunteer hours club members continue to give every year to make these T Parties happen.

## 2021 Space City T's Christmas Dinner Party

**SUNDAY DECEMBER 5, 2021**

**CHRISTIES SEAFOOD  
RESTAURANT 6:00pm**

**Please RSVP for a head count:**

**Dave Lucas at: (713) 299-3059**

**Men should bring a man's gift and women bring a woman's gift with a value of \$20 to \$25.**

**You may also bring a new unwrapped Toys for Tots gift, as an option, if anyone wishes to bring one.**

**It is very important to have a head count or we may get charged for the room or have to guarantee a payment for a number of plates.**

## Christmas Season Event in League City

by Bobby Wright

**Event:** The League City Historical Society (LCHS) is working on a Christmas event in Old League City. Last year, they encouraged the neighborhood to decorate, hang lights and participate in an "Airing of the Quilts" which had folks displaying family quilts in front of the homes. They created WALK-aboutS that are basically outdoor tours of the neighborhood and had several going on during the weekend. It is a way to have people walk and enjoy the neighborhood during the season. It was a wonderful success last year and they hope to build on it this year.

The League City Historical Society would like to have vintage vehicles participate in the event parked in the driveway or in front of various houses and have asked the Space City Ts of Houston to participate. Nearby parking for tow vehicles will be provided. It is your option to stay with your vehicle or hang out at the headquarters during the event. Bring a chair. Of course, this event is outside so it will be weather dependent.

**When:** December 11th (Saturday) and 12th (Sunday). Time 10am to 3pm each day. Note: LCHS suggests if you can only participate one day Saturday would be the best day. The event

actually starts at 10am so you need to be there by 9am allowing time to unload and move your vehicle to parking locations at the various homes.

**Where:** "Old" League City is more or less the 2nd - 3rd Streets and South Kansas Street area.

**Questions:** Contact Bobby Wright at 409-771-5548 (Call or Text) or email to [bcw545800@gmail.com](mailto:bcw545800@gmail.com).

Please let Bobby know if you think you will attend. Would like to give LCHS an idea of attendance.

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## Other Events

**Nov 6th - Saturday** - 10th Annual Rebel Roundup at Needville Harvest Park Contact: Mike Pitz 281-239-9953

**Nov 6th - Saturday** - Westender's Car Club Cruise-In 9:00 AM-1:00 PM - at Parkway Fellowship Church, 2703 FM 1093, Richmond, TX - **No Cost** to show your ride! Gumbo Cook-Off at Cross Creek Ranch at 1pm.

**Nov 13th - Saturday** - Vet Fest with Car Show, \$30 per car, and Poker Run - Brazoria County Fair Grounds, 901 S Downing St., Angleton, TX 77515 - by Warriors Refuge - Also large Vendors Show attached - Raffles - Food - Contact Ariel Lara - 979-824-8949.

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## 2022 Officer Nominations

Please communicate your 2022 club officer nominations to Dave Lucas at [\(713\) 299-3059](tel:7132993059) or [daverlucas@yahoo.com](mailto:daverlucas@yahoo.com).

### New Members Wanted

Please visit our [Space City T's of Houston Texas web site](#). If interested in becoming a member, please provide your name, address, mobile phone, & email, and make a \$25 check payable to **Space City T's**.

Please mail your information and check to the Treasurer at:

Jerry Smith  
13723 Llano Lake Court  
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*A special "Thank You" to all club members who paid their 2021 dues!*

The Space City T's Club is the Houston, Texas chapter of the Model T Ford Club of America. All questions concerning membership, The Vintage Ford magazine, the MTFCA library, chapter insurance, purchase of manuals, back magazine issues, or store items can be directed to the following:

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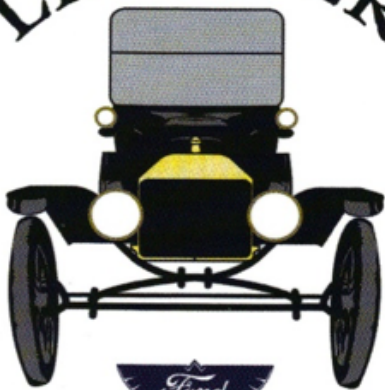
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Do you have something to share? A barn find, funny or not so funny Model T stories? Tour photos, or articles about Model T's? Your Model T acquisition stories, restoration photos or swap meet finds? A special interest article?

Please email ads, articles, photos, stories, etc. etc. to: [topkick7@outlook.com](mailto:topkick7@outlook.com)

# Next In-Person Meeting Cancelled

**~~November 10, 2021~~**



**Dine with Friends at**

**Demeris BBQ at 6:00 P.M.**

**located at**

**1702 West Loop North,**

**Suite A, Houston, TX 77008**

**Then attend the**

**Space City T's Meeting at 7:30 P.M.**

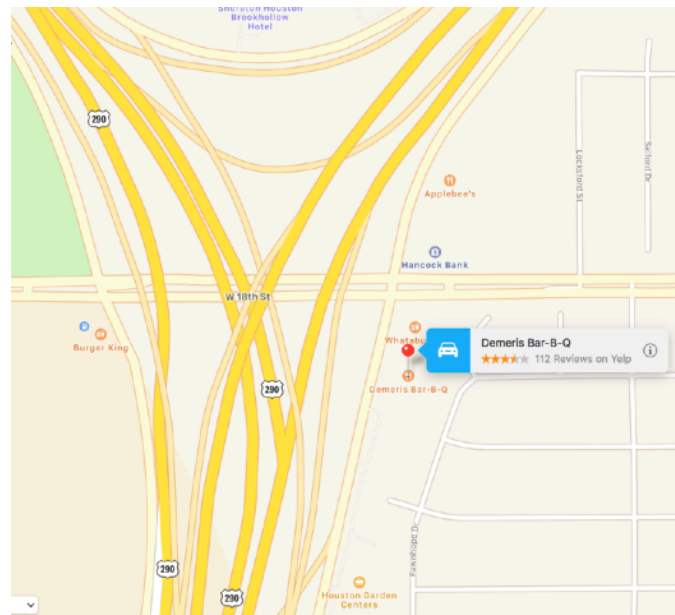
**Place:**

**Lazy Brook Baptist Church**

**—1822 West 18th Street in the  
Heights**

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## Directions to Demeris BBQ

From the east or west on I-10 or the south side of downtown, take the I-610 West Loop North and get off at the 18th Street Exit. Demeris BBQ will be immediately on the right after Houston Garden Nursery.

From the west on Highway 290, exit at Mangum and turn right to 18th Street. At 18th, turn left, cross under West Loop and turn into the Whataburger parking lot on the right. Proceed to Demeris BBQ after the Whataburger.

From the north on I-45, take the 610 North Loop West around to the I-610 West Loop South to the Hempstead Highway exit. Make a U-turn under I-610 and proceed north on the frontage road to just before 18th Street, Demeris BBQ will be on your right after Houston Garden Center.



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